

CLEAN AIR TIMES

TODAY'S WEATHER: Warm and Sunny with a 50 Percent Chance of Cool Rain

S.C. Students Share the Ozone Forecast Using Flags

Several South Carolina schools help to make their communities aware of the ozone forecast.

Students raise one of five different colored flags (pictured below) on the school's flag pole so residents know when an elevated ozone level is expected and can plan outdoor activities accordingly. Participating schools include

Conder Elementary (Columbia), H.E. Corley Elementary (Irmo), Old Pointe Elementary (Rock Hill), Pleasant Hill Elementary and River Bluff High School (Lexington).

For details about this program, call Debra Briggs-Monroe at (803) 898-3752 or e-mail briggsmd@dhec.sc.gov. To learn more about ozone, visit www.scdhec.gov/ozone.



How can you reduce ozone?

1. Carpool, walk, bike or take the bus if possible.
2. Avoid drive-through windows (e.g., banks, pharmacies, fast-food restaurants). Park and go inside.
3. Turn off your engine if you expect to be stopped for more than 30 seconds – except in traffic. Limit warm up idling in cold weather to 30 seconds.
4. For more ideas, see www.dhec.sc.gov/ozone.



Breathe Better with Anti-Idling Program

The Breathe Better (B²) Program is an anti-idling/clean air campaign sponsored by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) Bureau of Air Quality.

The goal of B² is to help protect the health and safety of children by reducing harmful vehicle emissions around school campuses. Solutions involve the efforts of students, faculty, administration, staff, local government and community partners working together.

To learn more about B², visit www.scdhec.gov/b2. To participate in the program, call Debra Briggs-Monroe at (803) 898-3752 or e-mail briggsmd@dhec.sc.gov.



On Not Idling ...

I will not idle in a car,
I will not idle where you are.

I will not idle at the store,
I do not want to anymore.

Not at the school, THAT'S not
cool! Cold or hot, I will not.

Not at the bank, not in a line,
I will not idle anytime!

Did you know?

Ozone forms on hot sunny days. Ozone harms human health and the environment when it forms close to the ground. The most significant things that cause ground-level ozone to form are automobile exhaust, industrial processes and ultraviolet light from sunlight. DHEC provides a daily ozone forecast from April through September.

Air & Weather Funnies

Here are some jokes you can tell to brighten a rainy day. The punch lines (answers) are provided at the bottom.

1. What did the tornado say to the sports car?
2. What happens when the smog clears in southern California?
3. Why did the woman go outdoors with her purse open?
4. Why is Britain the wettest country?
5. What do you call a grizzly bear caught in the rain?
6. Why is it cold on Christmas?

1. Want to go for a spin?
2. UCLA
3. Because she expected some change in the weather.
4. Because royalty has reigned there for years.
5. A drizzly bear.
6. Because it's in Decemberrrrr!

PUNCH LINES/ANSWERS:



When you're done with the Clean Air Times, make the Clean Air Kid Fan. (See other side.) Fold along the dotted line and then pull the strip of paper off the adhesive on the wooden handle provided. Place the sticky part of the handle between the folded halves of the fan and press. Now make a breeze!

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